

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CABRINA GOMEZ

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of an outstanding young woman, Cabrina Gomez, and for her work with the Arthritis Foundation and Walk for A Cure.

As a young woman, Cabrina was always active in cheerleading and dance, however, late in the summer of 2003, she began to experience severe pain in her legs, arms, and hand muscles. In January 2004, doctors diagnosed Cabrina with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP). This nerve disorder enlarges the spinal column, which prevents brain signals from controlling muscles. Cabrina stopped cheerleading and dance classes due to the onset of CIDP. About 1 in 300,000 children are diagnosed with this disease.

Cabrina fights this disease through several treatments including steroids and plasma phoresis. However, these treatments do not have long-term results. Throughout her treatments, Cabrina continues to have a positive attitude, and she uses this disease to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation and Walk for A Cure.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to recognize and honor Cabrina Gomez in front of my colleagues on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during roll call vote No. 40 to order the previous question on H. Res. 725, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KATHLEEN CASHIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Kathleen Cashin, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community.

Dr. Kathleen Cashin's career as an educator commenced more than 30 years ago. She was a teacher, staff developer, reading consultant, and program manager in the New York City public schools. Her expertise in school leadership and her compassion for staff and children enabled her to successfully lead

P.S. 193, The Oil Hodges School, as principal, for 16 years.

As Superintendent of Community School District 23, Dr. Cashin continued her commitment to children. Her ability to lead supervisors, foster professional growth, and engage parents and the community was reflected in the educational resurgence of the District 23 community.

Presently, as Regional Superintendent of Region 5, Dr. Cashin continues to create an environment that offers growth opportunities for students and their families. She is committed to fostering professional growth on the part of all staff, as well as engaging parents and community leaders in all components of the educational program.

Dr. Cashin's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Brentwood College, a Master of Science degree in Education from Brooklyn College, and a Professional Diploma and Doctorate from Fordham University.

Outside of school, Dr. Cashin leads an active life. She is an athlete who enjoys jogging, swimming, and skiing. Possessing boundless energy, Dr. Kathleen Cashin has dedicated herself to educating children and ensuring that every child receives an equal opportunity to develop into a contributing member of society.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Kathleen Cashin, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Kathleen Cashin's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Dr. Kathleen Cashin for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

CONGRATULATING OWEN GRAY AND BIG O'S SEAFOOD GRILL FOR RECEIVING THE 2005 RESTAURANT NEIGHBOR AWARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Owen Gray, owner of Big O's Seafood Grill in Gulf Shores, Alabama, on the occasion of receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2005 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

Owen is a vital member of the Gulf Shores community. Following the devastation of Hurricane Ivan in 2004, Owen's restaurant, Big O's Seafood Grill, was one of the few restaurants in the area capable of continuing business. Over a two-week period, Owen, with the help of his manager, sister and fiancé, was able to provide more than 25,000 meals to relief workers. Working on just a generator with no power, gas, or water, he fed the relief workers,

including state troopers and the National Guard, three meals a day! Owen, his employees, and volunteers worked 12- to 14-hour days providing these meals. Soon other restaurants that were too damaged to serve at their locations brought over food for Big O's to serve.

The National Restaurant Association's Restaurant Neighbor Award was designed to raise awareness of charitable giving like Owen's and honor restaurateurs from across the country for outstanding community service.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations, as well, to Owen Gray and Big O's Seafood Grill for receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2005 Restaurant Neighbor Award. I know his family, his many friends, his employees, and especially his loyal customers join with me in praising his accomplishments and good deeds.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chairman, there are important provisions in the supplemental appropriations that I support. Funding for upgraded military vehicles and tanks in Iraq will help protect troops and the National Guard. There is funding for programs such as Community Development Block Grants which will help in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans. I'm proud to have helped lead Congressional efforts requesting the administration to include funding for peacekeeping in Darfur. This supplemental includes \$253 million for these efforts in Sudan.

However, I cannot support this bill collectively and as a supplemental that is outside of the regular order of the budget process. It is time we take the budget process seriously and get our spending priorities in order.

This is the largest supplemental appropriations measure ever considered by the House of Representatives at nearly \$92 billion. The bulk of this spending, \$68 billion, is for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These efforts have now been ongoing for years and I will not support the administration's and Republican leadership's attempts to camouflage hundreds of billions of dollars by handling it through supplemental bills, which are for unexpected or emergency items. Most of this spending is neither unexpected nor emergency in nature.

The administration is asking Congress to raise the debt ceiling another \$781 billion on top of the current \$8.2 trillion limit and the House refuses to have a separate vote accepting responsibility to pay for its reckless fiscal policies. This supplemental spending bill is

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